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Claims 1 through 20

Publication:

1. Yuhei Iwasaki, "New LAN Introduction Method 9, Layer 3 Switch Construction," Computer & Network LAN, Vol. 16, No. 6, Ohm Company, Limited, pp. 87-90, June 1998.

Claims 1 through 20

Cited Example 1

Cited Example 1 describes the fact that, in a transmission device that has a cut-through function, whether the packet is to be hopped at the next node or dropped at that node is not decided by the router but by the ATM switch, thereby dropping only the packet that should be dropped at that node, with the other packets being cut-through.

Accordingly, the inventions pertaining to Claims 1 through 20 of this application are such as could be conceived of easily by the people in the industry on the basis of what is described in Cited Example 1.

Record of the Result of a Survey on Prior Technical Literature.

Fields Covered in the Survey:

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1. Hiroshi Esaki: "High Speed Routing Technique and Multi-layer Switch Technique," bit Vol. 30, No. 5, Kyoritsu Publishing Company, Limited, pp. 83-91, May 1998

2. Yuhei Iwasaki, "New LAN Introduction Method 11, Cut-through Layer 3 Switch Construction," Computer & Network LAN, Vol. 16, No. 9, Ohm Publishing Company, Limited, pp. 57-61, September 1998.